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SUBJECT: 40TH MEETING OF U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR
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1. U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION AT ANNUAL MEETING IN WARRENTON, VIRGINIA, DEC 9-11, ADOPTED NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ACTIONS WHICH WERE AIR POUCHED PERMDEL DEC 14. MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE WERE RESOLUTIONS ON RESTORATION OF U.S. FUNDING AND ON MASS MEDIA ISSUE TEXTS OF WHICH ARE BEING SENT BY SEPTEL.

2. RESOLUTION ON RESTORATION OF U.S. FUNDING, DRAFTED BY DRS. LYONS AND BUERGENTHAL AND REQUIRING DAY AND HALF OF BEHIND SCENES NEGOTIATION, IS ESSENTIALLY COMPROMISE RESOLUTION. ALTHOUGH MAJORITY OF MEMBERS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED RESTORATION OF FULL PAYMENT AND HAD VOTES TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL, PRESENT FORMULATION OF REINSTITUTING "SUFFICIENT PAYMENTS SO THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN STRUCTIVELY PURSUE ACTIVE POLICIES TOWARD THE GOAL OF FURTHER REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF DISRUPTIVE POLITICS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND INCREASING ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS" WAS ONLY WORDING WHICH COULD

OBTAIN CONSENSUS. FEELING OF DRAFTING GROUP AND NUMBER
OF OTHER SENIOR COMMISSIONERS WAS THAT IT WAS MORE

IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE TO REPORT OUT CONSENSUS
RESOLUTION AND LEAVE IT TO CONGRESS TO DECIDE APPRO-
PRIATE LEVEL OF RESTORATION OF FUNDS THAN TO BE
DIVIDED OVER AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE RESTORED. AS CON-
CESSION, GROUP FAVORING ONE YEAR RESTORATION OF FUND-
ING (THE MINORITY) AGREED TO INSERTION OF OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH "CALLING UPON MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNESCO
PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE HIGHEST PRO-
FESSIONAL STANDARDS ARE APPLIED TO THE WORK OF THE ORG-
ANIZATION." PERMDEL WILL RECALL THAT ONE OF MAIN
OBJECTIVES OF COMMITTEE FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE UNESCO
DURING PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE NON-PARTICI-
PATION OF AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS IN UNESCO WORK. IN
SUMMARY, RESOLUTION NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY READ WITHIN
CONTEXT OF SITUATION IN WHICH U.S. NATCOM IS OPERATING
WHICH IS ONE OF LESSENING POLARITY BETWEEN OPPOSING
Camps BUT STILL DISAGREEMENT AS TO HOW BEST TO PROCEED
IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN U.S. INFLUENCE IN UNESCO. VIEWED
IN THIS LIGHT RESOLUTION REPRESENTS FORWARD STEP.

3. OTHER IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS INCLUDED THOSE (A)
URGING COOPERATION WITH UNESCO IN STUDYING THE STATUS
OF WORLDWIDE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, (B) FAVORING THE
CREATION OF PANEL OF EXPERTS TO ADVISE THE U.S. GOVERN-
MENT ON THE PROPOSED UNESCO DECLARATION ON RACE AND
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; (C) SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE
MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE PROGRAM; AND (D) URGING ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF A PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO HELP
BACKSTOP EFFORTS OF THE U.S. PERMDEL IN THIS FIELD.

4. U.S. NATCOM ISSUED PRESS RELEASE ON ANNUAL MEETING
DECEMBER 13 (COPY OF WHICH BEING SENT BY POUCH). JACK
FOBES WAS IN ATTENDANCE FOR DELIBERATIONS ON FRIDAY ONLY
AND WAS THUS NOT PRESENT DURING VOTING ON KEY RESOLU-
TIONS. U.S. NATCOM BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH
DG AND DDG UNDERSTAND BACKGROUND OF RESOLUTION ON
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RESTORATION OF FUNDS SO THAT LATTER IS NOT MISINTERPRET-
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